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A Message from Chris Ancelet N5MCY:

Good morning AARA Members,

I have been contacted by Mr. Lamperez with the 2020 Tour du Teche race. I have been asked if we would be willing to participate in this 3 day event. The dates are October 2, 3, & 4.

Just like the events in the past, we would be manning the various checkpoints and providing real time information to the command post.

Even though the event is scheduled, there is still a chance that this event will be cancelled due to our current situation.

What we need to provide to the committee, is a list of people wanting to participate. I have received 1 confirmation from Tom Dischler thus far and we will need the following spots filled as well as someone that wants to coordinate the event. Unfortunately, I will not be able to spearhead this event due to my work schedule. Below are the checkpoints that need to be filled.

Please let me know if you are wanting to chair this event and/or want to man a checkpoint. We will need to get this information to the committee as soon as we can.

Check Pts.	Location	Operator Name	Call Sign
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Friday October 2nd

1	Arnaudville, LA	???	
	Myrans' Maison de Manger		
	1023 Neblett St		
	30.396282° N & 91.930858° W		

2	Breaux Bridge, LA	???	
	Poche's Market & Restaurant		
	3015 Main Hwy		
	30.311667° N & 91.904167° W		

*** 3	St. Martinville, LA	???	
	St. Martinville Festival Grounds		
	30.124556° N & 91.826111° W		

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August 6, 2020
Will be On The Air

VE Testing TBD w5ddl.org

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DATES TO REMEMBER

GENERAL MEETING

*August 6, 2020 @ 7:00 PM
Meeting will be Over The Air*

Lafayette, LA

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsite/>

Local 2-Meter Nets

Monday

*AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
147.040 PL 103.5 +0.600 Lafayette, LA*

Tuesday

*Region 4 SkyWarn Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

Wednesday

*Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM
146.820 PL 103.5 New Iberia, LA*

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July 2020



VE Test Session

It appears there was no testing due to the restrictions from the present pandemic.

Joseph “Moe” Meaux - K2JDM



73, de Greg ~ K5LFT

International Postal Service Disrupted 06/09/2020

The US Postal Service (USPS) has temporarily suspended international mail acceptance for items addressed to certain destinations due to service impacts related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This situation could result in the return or loss of mail, such as QSL cards, addressed to affected parts of the world. The USPS has posted a list of affected countries, which is updated regularly. The Postal Service will, upon request, refund postage and fees on mail bearing a customs stamp that's returned due to the suspension of service, or the sender may re-mail returned items with existing postage once service has been restored. When re-mailing under this option, customers should cross out the markings "Mail Service Suspended — Return to Sender."

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Saturday October 3rd

4	New Iberia, LA		
	New Iberia City Park	???	
	30.003889° N & 91.811667° W		

5	Charenton, LA	???	
	Chitimacha Boat Launch		
	3548 Chitimacha Trail		
	29.883055° N & 91.528888° W		

*** 6	Franklin, LA	???	
	Parc Sur la Teche		
	29.792222° N & 91.499444° W		

Sunday October 4th

7	Calumet, LA	???	
	East Gate, Calumet Cut		
	Atchafalaya Levee		
	29.702256° N & 91.368989° W		

*** 8	Berwick, LA	???	
	Southwest Reef Lighthouse		
	Atchafalaya River		
	29.692500° N & 91.215278°		

Chris Ancelet
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Our next club meeting will be held on the air on August 6, 2020 on the W5EXI repeater. Check-in will begin about 6:30 PM with the meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.

Repeater: **147.040 MHz + 0.600 PL 103.5 W5EXI**

A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Field Day 2001

Some of you "older" AARA members may remember 2001 AARA Field Day that was held on June 23 & 24 at Cajun Field. That was some 19 years ago, It was a good time with many good friends, some are now Silent Keys. It was one of our better Field Days. A lot of paperwork (crossing "T"'s and dotting "I"'s) went into procuring this site thanks to Field Day Chairperson Phil Caubareau KB5EKD.

Our tower trailer had a winch driven telescoping tower which would reach in excess of 100 feet. We had it near 100 feet with a American Flag which could be seen from anywhere around Cajun Field especially from Congress Street and Bertrand Drive. A husband & wife were driving down Bertrand Drive and noticed the tower with the flag and both were ham radio operators just passing thru Lafayette on their way to San Antonio, TX to visit his father and decided to investigate.

The couple were Skip & Cindy Douglass KA9DDN & KA9PZG of Grafton, Wisconsin. They came over to our Field Day site and visited for a while. We exchanged e-mails and after a short while they continued on their trip to San Antonio. I managed to keep in touch with them. Between 2001 and the present time, they have passed thru Lafayette and visited me at my QTH on four or five occasions.



The main reason for this article is that Skip KA9DDN became a Silent Key on July 17, 2020. Skip was an avid amateur radio operator KA9DDN and belonged to the Ozaukee Radio Club. He also was a member of the Ozaukee Amateur Radio Emergency Services, the Saukville Rifle and Pistol Club, and had a passion for photography, woodworking, building computers, camping with his family, and loved listening to music.

Ham radio can be fun and one way to meet people and become good friends is on Field Day.

73 de Herman KN5GRK

Skip's Obit:

<https://www.eernissefuneralhome.com/obituaries/James-Skip-Douglas-Jr?obId=17521538#/celebrationWall>

Photos from Field Day 2001



Calvin KD5JCT on top of tower



Tower



Stu WD5FDD - Herman KN5GRK - Charlie KC5FES



Danny KD5JSM



Traffic-Handling Webinar Launches Ham Radio Learning Series

From ARRL Newsletter 07-28-2020

A live presentation from ARRL North Texas Section Traffic Manager Aaron Hulett, K8AMH, inaugurated the new ARRL Learning Network on Tuesday, July 28. The webinar series features 30-minute presentations from experienced members covering a variety of amateur radio topics and interests. Hulett's webinar, "Relay Stations and the Art of Traffic Handling," introduced techniques and skills practiced by radio amateurs like himself who relay messages during emergencies, disasters, and other incidents that interrupt conventional telecommunications, including the internet. Through an overview of the ARRL National Traffic System, Hulett shared examples of preparing a radiogram and resources for finding traffic nets and other volunteers.

"Aaron hit a home run," said Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, ARRL Product Development Manager and moderator for Hulett's webinar. "His presentation was the perfect balance of knowledge-sharing and enthusiasm that will surely motivate other members to try their hand at traffic handling." A recording of the webinar is available for members to view.

The webinars are hosted using GoToWebinar. Members are invited to ask questions during each webinar, and a 15-minute Q&A period follows each presentation for those who can participate longer. A running list of upcoming live presentations is available below and on the ARRL Learning Network web page. Prospective attendees may register on that same page. ARRL members must first log into the ARRL website.

Inderbitzen encourages other members to be considered for future ARRL Learning Network webinars by inviting them to complete a Call for Speakers form. "It's all about members helping members. What better way to grow greater participation in amateur radio!"

Schedule of Upcoming Webinars

Fun with Digital Signal Modes FT4 and FT8 ~~ Anthony Luscre, K8ZT
Thursday, July 30, 2020, 12:30 PM PDT / 3:30 PM EDT (1930 UTC)

HF Wire Antennas ~~ George Cooley, NG7A, ARRL Life Member
Thursday, August 6, 2020, 12:30 PM PDT / 3:30 PM EDT (1930 UTC)

Introduction to Digital FM Modes ~~ Korey Chandler, Sr., WA5RR
Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 5 PM PDT / 8 PM EDT (0000 UTC on Wednesday, August 12)

Introduction to Computer Logging ~~ Steven Lott Smith, KG5VK
Thursday, August 13, 2020, 12:30 PM PDT / 3:30 PM EDT (1930 UTC)

Capture the Magic of 6 Meters ~~ Jim Wilson, K5ND
Tuesday, August 18, 2020, 10 AM PDT / 1 PM EDT (1700 UTC)

The Sport of Finding Hidden Transmitters on Foot ~~ Robert Frey, WA6EZV
Thursday, August 20, 2020, 12:30 PM PDT / 3:30 PM EDT (1930 UTC)

Local 2-Meter Nets

MONDAY

*AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

WEDNESDAY

*Silent Key Memorial Net 6:30 PM
146.820 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*



TUESDAY

*Region 4 Skywarn Net 7:00 PM
145.370 PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA*

THURSDAY

*On-The-Air General Meeting 7:00
147.040 +0.600 PL 103.50 W6EXI repeater*

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net

Net Controllers will rotate each week and held on the 146.820 W5DDL Repeater only.

The AARA Monday Night Net and the Silent Key Memorial Net is being held on the 146.820.

The August 2020 schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website. [Net Schedules](#)

REGION 4 SKYWARN NET

Each Tuesday night at 7:00 PM (local), the Region 4 Skywarn Net will take place on the 145.370 Skywarn Repeater in Lafayette, LA. Net Control Operators will alternate each week.

In case the 145.370 repeater fails, the net will be held on the 146.820 W5DDL repeater PL Tone 103.5.

The August 2020 schedule can be found at this link: [Net Schedules](#)

When using the Skywarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8 - Central 103.5

See our website for additional information: <http://www.w5ddl.org/repeaters.htm>



08-06	W9HUT	Alton
08-07	KF5PCH	Jackie
08-09	KF5FNP	Glen
08-23	KF5CNS	Paula
08-24	N5YOP	Esther
08-27	KC5VRN	Phoebe
08-31	N5LMM	Roderick
09-05	KI5GIZ	Lester
09-10	K5LIF	Clifton

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing names to be missing from the list.

Don't forget to renew your membership by January 31st.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For any additional information, check the W5DDL.org website

A New York Egg Cream contains three ingredients: milk, seltzer water, and chocolate syrup. Ironically it contains neither egg nor cream.

If you mix the chocolate with the milk before adding the seltzer water, it will have a brown foam. This is the **Bronx**-style.

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sion,
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